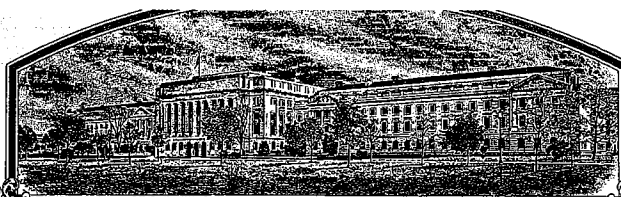


No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Holden's Foundation Seeds L. L. C.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

CORN, FIELD

'LH253'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of January, in the year two thousand two.

Attest:

Paul M. Johnson

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

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Secretary

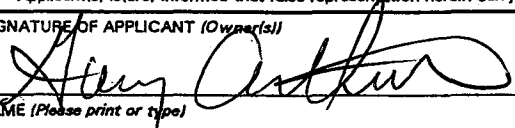
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME
HOLDEN'S FOUNDATION SEEDS L.L.C.		Ex3729	LH253
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)		5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY FILE NUMBER 2000000002
503 S. MAPLEWOOD AVENUE PO BOX 839 WILLIAMSBURG, IA 52361		(319)668-1100	
		6. FAX (include area code)	DATE 10/4/99
		(319)668-2453	
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME	8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)		FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE
ZEA MAYS	GRAMINEAE		\$ 2450.00
9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name)			DATE 10/4/99
CORN, FIELD			CERTIFICATION FEE
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)			\$ 320.00
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY			DATE 1/22/02
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION	
		DECEMBER 1, 1997	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS			14. TELEPHONE (include area code)
MR. MARK ARMSTRONG HOLDEN'S FOUNDATION SEEDS L.L.C. 503 S. MAPLEWOOD AVENUE PO BOX 839 WILLIAMSBURG, IA 52361			(319)668-1100
			15. FAX (include area code)
			(319)668-2453
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness			
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety			
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional)			
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership			
f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository)			
g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)			
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 20)			
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?		19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate.			
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.			
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))	
			
NAME (Please print or type)		NAME (Please print or type)	
GARY ARTHUR			
CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE
PRESIDENT	9/20/99		

Origin and Breeding History of the Inbred

Exhibit A

LH253 was developed from the single cross of LH211 x LH210 by selfing and using the pedigree system of plant breeding. Yield, stalk quality, root quality, disease tolerance, late plant greenness, late plant intactness, ear retention, pollen shedding ability, silking ability and corn borer tolerance were the criteria used to determine the rows from which ears were selected during the development of LH253.

LH210 and LH211 the progenitors of LH253, are both proprietary field corn inbred lines of Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc., of Williamsburg, Iowa. In 1990, Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc., applied for plant variety protection of LH210. On May 31, 1991, LH210 was awarded certificate #9000050. A utility patent from the United States Patent Office also protects LH210. The utility patent was issued on January 4, 1994, and is patent #5,276,262. In 1990, Holden's also applied for plant variety protection of LH211. On May 31, 1991, LH211 was awarded certificate #9100051. A utility patent from the United States Patent Office also protects LH211. The utility patent was issued on February 7, 1994, and is patent #5,387,743.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from the USDA Seed Branch confirming that no other field corn inbreds have been named, 'LH253'.

On the following pages are a summary and description of the development of LH253. Also included are copies of pages from Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc. nursery books. The rows associated with the development of LH253 have been highlighted.

LH253 has shown uniformity and stability for all traits described in Exhibit C. It has been self-pollinated and ear-rowed a sufficient number of generations, with careful attention to uniformity of plant type to ensure homozygosity and phenotypic stability. The line has been increased both by hand (Indiana 1994; Iowa 1995 and 1997) and sibbed in an isolated production field (Iowa 1998) with continued observations for uniformity. Gary D. Arthur, the originating plant breeder, has observed LH253 all four generations it has been increased. The line is uniform, stable and no variant traits have been observed or are anticipated in LH253.

Origin and Breeding History of the Inbred
LH253 = Ex3729 = LH211 x LH210

<u>Field/Row</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>
Hartz Mountain	LH253	Iowa	1998
18567 20471	Ex3729	Iowa	1997
27140-27149	Ex3729	Iowa	1995
8134	LH211 x LH210 @7	Indiana	1994
3588	LH211 x LH210 @6	Indiana	1993
5518	LH211 x LH210 @5	Indiana	1992
15569	LH211 x LH210 @4	Hawaii	1992
5738	LH211 x LH210 @3	Indiana	1991
6793	LH211 x LH210 @2	Indiana	1990
25369	LH211 x LH210 @1	Hawaii	1990
31509	LH211 x LH210 @0	Iowa	1989
32378 32366	LH211 LH210	Hawaii	1989

Novelty Statement

Exhibit B

LH253 is most similar to LH210, however, the most distinguishing difference is the glume color. The glume color of LH253 is green while the glume color of LH210 is green with a red bar at the base of the glume. When using the Munsell Color Charts for Plant Tissues as a reference, the glume color of LH253 would be classified as 5GY 5/6 while the glume color of LH210 would be classified as 5GY 6/6 with the color of the red bar classified as 5R 3/4.

The silk color of LH253 is light green (2.5GY 8/8) while the silk color of LH210 is red (5R 3/4).

A small amount of anthocyanin is present in the brace roots of LH253 causing them to be variegated purple and green in color. Anthocyanin is absent in the brace roots of LH210 and the brace roots are plain green in color.

LH253 has also shown a tendency to tiller. This characteristic is not common in either of its progenitors and is uncommon in non-stiff stalk inbreds.

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OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
CORN (*Zea mays* L.)

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Address (Street & No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, Zip Code and Country) <u>503 South Maplewood Ave</u> <u>PO Box 839</u> <u>Williamsburg, IA 52361</u>		FOR OFFICIAL USE PVPO Number																																											
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* <u> 8.7 </u> cm Width of Ear Node Leaf	<u> .52 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 9.2 </u>	<u> .91 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u>200000002</u>		
* <u> 77.7 </u> cm Length of Ear Node Leaf	<u> 3.53 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 72.3 </u>	<u> 3.43 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
* <u> 5 </u> Number of leaves above top ear	<u> .46 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 5 </u>	<u> .31 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 21 </u> degrees Leaf Angle (measure from 2nd leaf above ear at anthesis to stalk above leaf)	<u> 3.81 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 39 </u>	<u> 9.67 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
* <u> 02 </u> Leaf Color (Munsell code <u> 5GY 4/4 </u>)			<u> 02 </u> (Munsell code <u> 7.5GY 3/4 </u>)					
<u> 7 </u> Leaf Sheath Pubescence (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=like peach fuzz)			<u> 2 </u>					
<u> 3 </u> Marginal Waves (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			<u> 4 </u>					
<u> 7 </u> Longitudinal Creases (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			<u> 3 </u>					
6. TASSEL:			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation			Sample Size
* <u> 6 </u> Number of Primary Lateral Branches	<u> 1.46 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 7 </u>	<u> .90 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 39 </u> Branch Angle from Central Spike	<u> 9.75 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 49 </u>	<u> 9.27 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
* <u> 45.2 </u> cm Tassel Length (from top leaf collar to tassel tip)	<u> 4.29 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 48.3 </u>	<u> 2.98 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 7 </u> Pollen Shed (Rate on scale from 0=male sterile to 9=heavy shed)			<u> 7 </u>					
<u> 17 </u> Anther Color (Munsell code <u> 5RP 5/2 </u>)			<u> 07 </u> (Munsell code <u> 2.5GY 8/6 </u>)					
<u> 02 </u> Glume Color (Munsell code <u> 5GY 5/6 </u>)			<u> 02 </u> (Munsell code <u> 5GY 5/6 </u>)					
<u> 1 </u> Bar Glumes (Glume Bands): 1=Absent 2=Present			<u> 1 </u>					
7a. EAR (Unhusked Data):								
* <u> 01 </u> Silk Color (3 days after emergence) (Munsell code <u> 2.5GY 8/8 </u>)			<u> 26 </u> olive Green <u> 09 </u> (Munsell code <u> 5Y 7/4 </u>)					
<u> 01 </u> Fresh Husk Color (25 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code <u> 2.5GY 7/6 </u>)			<u> 01 </u> (Munsell code <u> 2.5GY 7/6 </u>)					
<u> 21 </u> Dry Husk Color (65 days after 50% Silking) (Munsell code <u> 7.5YR 7/4 </u>)			<u> 21 </u> (Munsell code <u> 7.5YR 7/4 </u>)					
* <u> 1 </u> Position of Ear at Dry Husk Stage: 1=Upright 2=Horizontal 3=Pendent			<u> 1 </u>					
<u> 5 </u> Husk Tightness (Rate on scale from 1=very loose to 9=very tight)			<u> 5 </u>					
<u> 2 </u> Husk Extension (at harvest): 1=Short (ears exposed) 2=Medium (<8 cm) 3=Long (8-10 cm beyond ear tip) 4=Very Long (>10 cm)			<u> 2 </u>					
7b. EAR (Husked Ear Data):			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation			Sample Size
* <u> 15.2 </u> cm Ear Length	<u> 1.17 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 20.1 </u>	<u> 1.31 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
* <u> 40.4 </u> mm Ear Diameter at mid-point	<u> 1.60 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 37.9 </u>	<u> 2.20 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 91.9 </u> gm Ear Weight	<u> 20.70 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 108.5 </u>	<u> 21.79 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
* <u> 12 </u> Number of Kernel Rows	<u> 1.16 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 11 </u>	<u> 1.01 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 2 </u> Kernel Rows: 1=Indistinct 2=Distinct			<u> 2 </u>					
<u> 1 </u> Row Alignment: 1=Straight 2=Slightly Curved 3=Spiral			<u> 1 </u>					
<u> 15.5 </u> cm Shank Length	<u> 3.97 </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 13.2 </u>	<u> 3.36 </u>	<u> 50 </u>			
<u> 2 </u> Ear Taper: 1=Slight 2=Average 3=Extreme			<u> 2 </u>					
Application Variety Data			Standard Inbred Data					

Note: Use chart on first page to choose color codes for color traits.

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Standard Inbred Data

Note: Use chart on first page to choose color codes for color traits.

11. INSECT RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant);
leave blank if not tested):

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☐ Banks Grass Mite (*Oligonychus pratensis*) Standard Deviation Sample Size
☐ Corn Earworm (*Helicoverpa zea*)
☐ Leaf-Feeding
☐ Silk Feeding :
☐ _____ mg larval wt. _____
☐ Ear Damage _____
☐ Corn Leaf Aphid (*Rhopalosiphum maidis*)
☐ Corn Sap Beetle (*Carpophilus dimidiatus*)
☐ European Corn Borer (*Ostrinia nubilalis*)
☐ 1st Generation (Typically Whorl Leaf Feeding)
☐ 2nd Generation (Typically Leaf Sheath-Collar Feeding)
☐ Stalk Tunneling :
☐ _____ cm tunneled/plant _____
☐ Fall Armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*)
☐ Leaf-Feeding
☐ Silk-Feeding :
☐ _____ mg larval wt. _____
☐ Maize Weevil (*Sitophilus zeamaze*)
☐ Northern Rootworm (*Diabrotica barberi*)
☐ Southern Rootworm (*Diabrotica undecimpunctata*)
☐ Southwestern Corn Borer (*Diatraea grandiosella*)
☐ Leaf Feeding
☐ Stalk Tunneling :
☐ _____ cm tunneled/plant _____
☐ Two-spotted Spider Mite (*Tetranychus urticae*)
☐ Western Rootworm (*Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*)
☐ Other (Specify) _____

Standard Deviation Sample Size

12. AGRONOMIC TRAITS:

☒ 6 Stay Green (at 65 days after anthesis) (Rate on a scale from 1=worst
to 9=excellent.)
☐ 0.0 % Dropped Ears (at 65 days after anthesis)
☐ 0.0 % Pre-anthesis Brittle Snapping
☐ 0.0 % Pre-anthesis Root Lodging
☐ 0.0 % Post-anthesis Root Lodging (at 65 days after anthesis)
☐ _____ Kg/ha Yield of Inbred Per Se (at 12-13% grain moisture)

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0.0

0.0

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13. MOLECULAR MARKERS: (0=data unavailable; 1=data available but not supplied; 2=data supplied)

☐ Isozymes ☐ RFLP's ☐ RAPD's

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COMMENTS (eg. state how heat units were calculated, standard inbred seed source, and/or where data was collected. Continue in Exhibit D):

$$GDD = \frac{T_{max} + T_{min}}{2} - 50^{\circ}F$$

$$T_{max} \leq 86^{\circ}F$$

$$T_{min} \geq 50^{\circ}F$$

Standard Seed Source: Iowa State University Data Collected at Williamsburg, IA 1998

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Additional Description of the Inbred

Exhibit D

LH253 is a medium late season field corn inbred that flowers similar to LH210. LH253 appears to be a good pollinator, but will not be suitable for use as a seed parent.

Hybrids made with LH253 have shown very high yield potential the past four years in our yield testing program. Large, robust plants with big ear size are characteristics of LH253 hybrids. Stalk strength and grain quality are average.

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Exhibit C: The main silk body of Mo17 is green, but as the silk hairs are exposed to sunlight they turn lighter and are more 'olive green' in color. Please change the verbal silk color of Mo17 from '9' (salmon) to '26' with the description being 'olive green'. On occasion, it is difficult for me to describe what I observe in the field and match it to a color chip in the book. I'm sometimes puzzled with what I observe and the resulting color match and this is one of those times.

After some thought and evaluation, I have concluded that the reason for the large standard deviations in my statistical analysis is poor experimental design. I neglected to take into account the effect the end plants in the row have in my analysis. One to sometimes four plants at the end of each row have a dramatic effect on the standard deviation of the individual plants being evaluated. My understanding of this effect on this statistical function and its contribution to variance components was poor. To correct this flaw in my analysis, I will not allow my technician to measure these end plants. I will also more closely monitor the growth and uniformity of the individual plants in the row being evaluated.

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) HOLDEN'S FOUNDATION SEEDS L.L.C.	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER Ex3729	3. VARIETY NAME LH253
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 503 S. MAPLEWOOD AVENUE PO BOX 839 WILLIAMSBURG, IA 52361	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (319)668-1100 7. PVPO NUMBER 2000000002	6. FAX (include area code) (319)668-2453

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country _____

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company, is the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?
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